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THIS AND THAT.

As the time approaches for the opening of the World's Fair in May next, the absorbing idea in the minds of most people outside the United States who wish to benefit by it to the fullest extent is that of being thoroughly represented in every department. None should be more fully alive to the importance of being well to the front than the Canadians, and no stone should be left unturned to have on exhibition everything connected with our Dominion that will impress those visting the exposition with the varied resources and natural wealth of this country. We are glad to notice the efforts that are being made in this direction all over Canada. It is to our interest to use the means at our disposal and to turn the exhibition to the best advantage by presenting to the outside world, object lessons of our country's inherent greatness as well from the agricultural as the mineral standpoint. And as it is a matter of national importance there should be a united effort so as to produce the best effect, and to derive some lasting benefit. We urge all therefore who can help in any way, however small, to ungrudgingly give whatever assistance they can in their individual or representative capacity for the common weal and the sake of our beloved land.

Many men are wont to boast of the vast strides that our 19th century civilization is making for the alleviation of human suffering and the amelioration of down trodden humanity all over the surface of the globe. It may be that such men in their praiseworthy desire to attain this end, overlook certain facts that sometimes have a strong tendency to point in the opposite direction It is certain in any case that civilization has not permeated bodies politic, even in civilized countries so far that we recognize a universal brotherhood. On turning our eyes to various civilized nations what meets our gaze is not always flattery or such as would lead us to suppose that the millenium is at hand. Time and again our attention has been drawn to the barbarous and oppressive way in which Russian subjects are treated. Not long since the world was horror stricken at inhuman edicts hurled against the Jews which caused so much misery and suffering to millions of apparently unoffending people. Recent accounts to hand does not show that Russia has improved much by her own past experience or that of other nations in the direction of administering justice with clemency, as it appears, according to statistics just made public at St. Petersburg, 950,000 persons are imprisoned in 875 jails in Russia, which were built to hold only 570,000 persons. Surely from this ghastly aspect of things there is something radically wrong which needs the intervention of all right-minded statesmen, and calls loudly to the philanthropist to come to the rescue.

The death of Jay Gould brings vividly to our minds that death is no respecter of persons. Rich and poor must alike bend to its decrees. Jay Gould, with close upon $70,000,000 at his back, could not purchase it, but, like the humblest beggar in the street, was forced to follow the beckoning finger. "All my possessions for a moment of time" were the dying words of an English monarch; no doubt Jay Gould would have given up willingly his most valuable stocks if he could have lived a few years more. His was a remarkable personality, for he rose from nothing to become one of the wealthiest men the world has seen. Looking back over his busy life, one sees little in it for praise and much to condemn, though now that he is dead he may be left in peace. He had grand opportunities to do good, to feed the poor, to clothe the orphan, to comfort the mourning, to leave behind him a name that would not perish in the dust. And yet in ten years, we venture to predict, the Little Wizard will be forgotten, except by those wall street financiers who will associate his memory with the many sleepless nights they were obliged to undergo in consequence of his manipulations.

The press of the United States has commented at length upon the meeting held at Montreal a few days ago, at which a vote was taken on the merits of the positions taken by the various speakers—independence, annexation, present rule, and imperial federation. The St. Paul *Globe* speaks of the Canadians as follows: "They are a highly intelligent, home-loving, conservative race. They abhor conflicts, and are naturally slow to take up with anything that has a revolutionary tendency." After referring to the various positions taken, the *Globe* goes on to say: "With the annexation of Canada our American capital would find a broader field for opportunities; the great Canadian Northwest would afford a wealth of mine and soil for our development. The advantages we would gain by annexation are so apparent that it seems useless to call attention to any feature of them." That the American Republic would be far richer than she is to-day were Canada to throw in her lot with her no one will deny. Canada is indeed a country of riches, especially our section of it, and there is no talk of annexation in the west.

The clouds that seemed to lower over the heads of our Canadian cattle kings and which darkened considerably the future horizon of their existence on account of the scare gossip that pleuro-pneumonia was found amongst imported Canadian cattle in England is gradually disappearing. Mr. Gardiner, chairman of the British board of agriculture, has promised, on behalf of his government, to remove the restriction recently imposed upon the importation of Canadian cattle into Great Britain and Ireland as soon as proof positive can be adduced that the Dominion is free from pleuro-pneumonia. There is great activity displayed by parties interested for and against the present restrictions. But in the end we expect to see the embargo taken off and the Canadian cattle placed on their previous footing of immunity.

There has been another change of Government in the Northwest. The Assembly met on Wednesday. The Speech from the Throne alluded to the harvest, railroad building and immigration, also the report of the Minister of Justice, recommending that the ordinance providing for the executive committee be amended by the Assembly to bring it clearly within the terms of the Northwest Act. There was no allusion to the former proceedings, or to the reason for the present session. On the opening day, Mr. Cayley announced that the executive committee had resigned because the ordinance under which it had been constituted had been declared *ultra vires*.

The shuffling of the cards for governmental positions and portfolios with the responsibilities, and of course some little pickings, has come to an end, "for better or for worse," and now that Sir John Thompson has made his selections and filled up the measure of his cabinet, there is no doubt that the list as published is disappointing in some respects, as there are names omitted who were thought to have fairly earned recognition and reward at the hands of the premier when counting up his "jewels," while there are others whose names appear as being of the favored few who were thought to be fairly out of the run for office at the present juncture of affairs at least. But as the unexpected often happens, those who are laboring under a sense of wrong must only grin and bear it, while those whom the gods have been so propitious to should set to work with a will so as to show themselves worthy of the confidence reposed in them by their chief. A vigorous immigration policy is forecasted as one of the first acts of the new ministry.

A WOMAN BUYS A HAT.

Others Have Probably Had the Same Experience That She Had.

She was a young married woman accredited with more than common ordinary sense. As an illustration of this she had waited until after the openings were over before buying her winter hat. No time had been lost, however, for she had studied the hat question in all its phases, and knew exactly what she wanted. It was to be a round hat, and must not cost a penny over $8.

For an hour or so she went from one shop to another, "just looking." Then came the "trying on." After pointing out three or four hats which particularly pleased her, she seated herself before the long mirror with a hand-glass in one hand and one of the hats in the other. This hat, in her hand, was a beauty; but on her head it was the most unbecoming thing she had ever seen.

The next hat was too large and was trimmed too conspicuously; the third, too small and prim; the fourth cost too much. The saleswoman's smiles were less frequent and the saleswoman less talkative.

The buyer found herself growing irritable, but she congratulated herself that she was not making such a fuss as that woman in front of the next mirror. Then she wondered why that fat lady with a moon face insisted upon choosing the most ridiculously small bonnets, while the woman with a long and sharp face spent her time gazing at herself from underneath a broad brim with a towering mass of feathers above.

Suddenly she saw a jaunty turban. The coloring was stylish, and when she tried it on was just what she needed. She was sure it was becoming because the saleswoman agreed with her that it was. Then it gave her a very comfortable feeling to know it only cost $7.50. And so even if she had spent six hours in getting it, together with incidental expenses amounting to 95 cents, she was satisfied, it seemed such a sensible investment.

After dinner that evening the hat came. One glance in her own mirror and oh! what a difference. It was the worst little hat; she couldn't see why she had bought it. She looked disfigured in it, and if she had to wear that hat all winter she would not go out at all.

She put the hat in its band box, the box high up on the closet shelf and then she cried.

WESTERN WORLD.

MANITOBA MATTERS—NORTHWEST NUGGETS—COLUMBIA CRUMBS.

Collected Carefully—Given Graciously.

WINNIPEG.

Professor Thomas, late of Liverpool, has succeeded Professor Davies as leader of Zion church choir.

Several weddings are on the tapis in Grace church circles. The principals will be announced in a few days.

St. George's church congregation intend building a new church next spring, the present edifice being too small.

The daily press of Winnipeg is protesting against the appointment of Hon. John Carling as lieutenant-governor, of Manitoba.

The Salvation Army has decided to erect a barracks in Winnipeg. A number favor the purchase of the Rupert St. Baptist Church.

Rev. S. J. Smith, a Baptist missionary in Bangkok, Siam, for 40 years, passed through the city during the week on his way to England.

Mr. Davies, leader of Zion church choir, has left Winnipeg for Norman, where he will devote more of his time to business than to music.

It is rumored that one or more bears have taken up winter quarters somewhere in the vicinity of Winnipeg. Sportsmen are on the alert.

A young man who has left off going to Grace church may be said to have "fallen from grace," but not to be possibly beyond redemption.

W. J. Ross, after ten years connection with the C.P.R., has resigned his position as superintendent of building and bridges. He is now a candidate for aldermanic honors.

Here is what is considered a model sign board, whether it is copyrighted or not has not so far transpired. It hangs outside of a boarding house in Princess street. "Good board; no bugs, no kids, nothing extra."

Fred Chilcott, one of the popular knights of the grip, is in the hospital suffering from an attack of pleurisy.

A toboggan slide has been erected on the banks of the Red river at the end of Alexander street, which gives promise of being fairly well patronized during the winter months. Some people wish there was another on the opposite bank to take them back.

Mr. Wm. Thompson, who has ably filled the position of managing editor of the Farmer's Advocate since the death of Mr. Bartlett, has, on account of ill health, been compelled to resign. He has been succeeded by Mr. Geo. H. Greig, of Otterburne.

The Winnipeg Liberal club held a smoking concert on Friday evening. The young Conservatives are also moving in the entertainment line. All this sociability is a means to the end of strong organization for political campaigns in the near and far future.

Hon. Mr. Sifton is authority for the statement that next summer a new court house will be built here. It would have been started before but the $50,000 appropriation passed by the legislature was not sufficient; it will require from $70,000 to $80,000.

The Rev. G. R. Turk delivered a most interesting lecture in the Y. M. C. A. rooms on Thursday evening last on "Tennyson," to a large and appreciative audience, which was sandwiched with songs and readings from the poet by local popular amateurs. Mr. Mulock, Q. C., occupied the chair.

The cricket club brought together a gay crowd on Friday night in the Manitoba hotel at their annual ball. "Play" was called at nine o'clock, and there were several "bowls over" and "fast byes" between that and the hour of breaking up.

A rare collection of pictures by the world renowned Canadian artist, the late Paul Peel, will be exhibited in Grundy's hall next week. The proceeds are to go to Winnipeg's charitable institutions. Mr. Paul Henneberg has very kindly consented to take charge of the musical part of the programme.

Lodge Neptune, Sons of England Benevolent Society, has elected the following officers: W. Marsden, worthy president; R. Marshall, vice-president; A. H. Price, secretary; H. Scrimes, worthy treasurer; W. Jackson, worthy chaplain; W. Droughton, J. Heaton, J. Wilkes, W. Weston, J. Foster, R. Ross, committee; W. Stables, inner guard; A. Webb, R. Tupper, trustees.

Mr. J. J. Roberts, who has been appointed by the Manitoba Government to look after immigration work in Wales, left for his fatherland Monday evening via the Canadian Pacific railway. He is confident of meeting with success in his work and sending out to the prairie province many excellent settlers. Mr. Roberts was presented with an address, prior to his departure, from the congregation of Maple street Congregational church.

There is a funny little story going its rounds of an incident which happened on a street off Main the other night, between to young gentlemen both of whom are aspiring athletes. The hour of its occurence prevented a large crowd from being witnesses; still, there were a few not far off. It is said that the young champions differed about the merits of two certain young ladies as skaters, which led to hard words and next to hard blows, and the usual consequence, the flowing of a little claret. It is now rumored that the two ladies who were fast friends previously, are not, since the ocurrence, very reticent. Some interesting developments are looked for.

A young man who is a prominent figure in Winnipeg society, is reported to have been overheard the other night, at a church social, to ask a young lady friend of his in a harmless manner for a definition of love. Here is what she answered as near as memory can recall: "It depends on what kind of love you mean, as it has as many patterns, cuts, shapes and colors as people's garments. True love," she continued, "is the welding together in sweet concordance two gentle spirits, filled with the youthful frolic of doting absurdity, having hearts overflowing with purest fire, composed of nature's own contrivance." When the young man recovered his breath, he faintly murmured "thanks," but, he asked no more questions for that evening. Since, he has told a friend in confidence it seemed so much like "business," he got weak.

The annual meeting of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association was held recently. A resolution of condolence with the friends of Mr. C. F. Church, who was frozen near Macleod, was passed. It was decided to celebrate the tenth anniversary by a reception, conversazione and ball at the Manitoba. Officers were elected as follows: President, M. W. Rublee; Vice-president, H. Bruce Gordon, A. L. Johnston; Treasurer, J. F. Griffin; Directors, J. C. Gillespie, J. Lindsay, L. C. McIntyre, A. S. Binns, M. McGowan, W. J. Taafe, C. J. Redmond, J. Mundie, M. R. O'Loughlin, W. Hargraves, F. Chillcott, J. H. Holman, W. H. Walker; Auditors, S. S. Cummings, J. Lindsay. Seven of the above nominees for directors will comprise the board for the year 1893.

A young Englishmen, a late arrival in Winnipeg, purchased a muzzle loading gun from one of Abraham's descendants for $2.00, and on its being examined by a gunsmith, $105 were pulled out of it at the end of a screw ramrod. Ismel weeps in sackcloth and ashes as he gets none of the booty.

Mr. John H. Elliott, of Minneapolis, is expected to attend the Y. M. C. A. provincial convention to be held in this city, instead of Portage la Prairie as previously arranged, in the second week of February next.

A Red river cart of 100 years old has been secured and forwarded to St. Paul to grace the big banquet of J. J. Hill there, and to dazzle the eyes of his guests. It has not transpired whether it is to be used in a triumphal procession, or exhibited as a work of art and beauty to show the handiwork of the natives of the soil. Our genial Ham McMicken secured the cart.

Military law savors something of the laws of the Medes and Persians which altereth not. The order of disbandment has gone forth, and the once popular 91st battalion are to become non est, on, and after the 16th inst. Many regret this move of the authorities, more especially as there seems no desire on the part of the men to act on the suggestion to amalgamate with the 90th battalion.

The ladies who compose the rank and file of the W. C. T. U. are indefatigable in their social and political reforms. The presentation of petitions of various kinds are the order of the day, which of course includes the enfranchising of women, with several other much needed reforms.

In the manse of Knox church, the Rev. Dr. DuVal united in the holy bonds of matrimony, for better for worse, a popular pair of young Winnipegers on Thursday night, at the hour of nine o'clock. Miss Annie McGhl, a young lady much beloved in church circles, and Mr. John Chisholm, bookkeeper in Dick & Bannings, and popular secretary of the Thistle curling club, were the principles in the affair. Miss Janet Stuart assisted the bride, and Dr. Simpson supported the groom. Many are the congratulations awaiting the happy pair from hosts of friends in the city.

"It is not good for man to be alone" is being verified every day. So thought Mr. Chas. Allen, as many a good man did before. He has come amongst us and carried off one of our fairy queens in the person of Miss Ethel Waddington. The Rev. Hugh Pedley was the gentleman who tied the knot, and it was remarkable in this particular at least, that it was the first marriage ceremony ever performed within the renowned Manitoba hotel. After a sumptuous repast the joyful couple left for their home in the evening.

RAT PORTAGE.

Mr. H. W. Kennedy has returned from his western trip.

Mrs. D. C. Cameron returned on Saturday last from Winnipeg.

Miss Jennie Baker is spending a few days visitation in Winnipeg.

Mr. G. W. Murray, of Winnipeg, spent Friday and Saturday in town.

Mr. A. C. Boyce, of Port Arthur, was in town last week on business.

Mrs. C. Kobold left on Wednesday of last week for the south, where she will spend the greater part of the winter.

Music was supplied by the Forester's band on Friday evening last at the Princess skating rink.

Mr. J. Summerville, of Milton, Ont. was last week the guest of his sister Mrs. Nairn, of the manse.

Mr. Deacon, a gentleman of much reputed astronomical ability, is guest at the Russell House this week.

Mr. Davies, of Winnipeg, arrived here on Saturday last to accept the management of Mr. J. B. Davies' store (Norman).

Mr. Arthur McCracken, who has been spending a year on the Pacific slope, returned home to his native place on Friday.

Mr. D. McKinnon, of the firm of McKinnon & Stephen, will start in a few days for eastern provinces, remaining the winter there.

The curlers are preparing for a curl this week. Their new rink is about completed and is a magnificent building of the kind.

Capt. R. Francis, who left via Winnipeg for a visit east returned on Monday from that city, being compelled to delay his visit owing to intervening circumstances.

Mr. J. A. McCrossan having retired from the sanctum sanctorum, of the Rat Portage News, Mr. A. E. McDonald who has leased the plant, will continue the publication under his proprietorship.

As your correspondent writes, word comes from Ostrehend, some two stations west of here, that death has come to a little babe through starvation alone. It is a sad thing to see in this wealthy portion of Canada, children dying from want of food.

A public meeting was held in the town hall on Wednesday last for the purpose of discussing the advisability of making an exhibit of the mineral productions of this district, at the Chicago World's Fair. The result was quite gratifying as a committee was appointed for the collection of specimens to be sent to Chicago.

Canon O'Meara, of Winnipeg, conducted the services in St Alban's church on Sunday last. The services were held for the first time in the basement of the newly erected church, which when completed will present itself as an imposing edifice. The formal opening will take place in a few weeks.

Sweet bliss filled the perfumed air of Victoria hall on Monday evening last, when the young elete of our isolated town assembled on that happy evening to while away the hours in the voluptuous waltz. I do not wish to indulge in fulsome flattery when I remark that the young ladies were in their manner most bewitching, in fact recherche, a characteristic that each and all happily possess.

"I've been to see an old flame," remarked the young man, who had recently journeyed to see Vesuvius.—Yonkers Statesman.

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THE BRITISH FARMER.

From recent communications direct from the Old Country, it seems the British farmer is having a bad time of it this year. The rainy weather has been so incessant that harvest operations have been practically at a stand still. With one day's shine and a week's rain, it has been impossible to draw in the spoiling grain which would spoil worse if put in the stack.

This has had the bad effect of throwing the harvest very late indeed, and on Nov. 10th, when Manitoba farmers were closing down their threshers, some of the poor English farmers were drawing in their worse than frozen grain. In the marshes of Lincolnshire, scores of fields have not been cleared, and many of the stooks are almost inundated. Bad as things may have been here, they are manifoldly worse at home, and we have much cause to rejoice that our lines have fallen to us in pleasant places.

OUR HOLIDAY NUMBER

We have arranged for presenting our subscribers with a special Christmas number of the ADVOCATE. This will be published on the Thursday before Christmas, Dec. 22nd, and will be specially illustrated with half tone cuts. The size of the paper will be eight, (instead of our usual four) six column pages, the illustrations will represent scenes of the "left" and "right" of the Legislative assembly, a cut showing the members of the late legislature, about 5 x 10 inches, cuts of Manitoba public buildings and other illustrations of life in Manitoba, showing the progress we have made during the past decade.

There will also be appropriate reading matter, making in all a very fine Christmas number.

This Holiday Paper will be given FREE to all YEARLY SUBSCRIBERS, and extra copies can be obtained at 10 cents each by ordering AT ONCE.

Remember that all yearly subscribers receive this Christmas number free, and contributions should be sent in to us at once.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFER.

We are also going to offer a prize to the party who will send us in the largest number of new subscribers between now and the first of February. This prize will represent the value of half the subscription price of those obtained by the prize winner. Thus, if the largest number of subscribers obtained by the winner of the prize is 40 subscribers, the prize in that case will be $20 00. There will also be a cash prize of 20 per cent of the sum he sends in, given to each person who sends in five or more names with one dollar for each name. The names of those going in for this competition will be published each week in the order in which they stand at midday of Wednesday before the day of publication, unless requested otherwise, and the final count will take place in the ADVOCATE office at mid day—Wednesday, February 1st., and be published in the following week's issue. Remember that every paid up subscriber receives FREE our SPECIAL ILLUSTRATED HOLIDAY NUMBER, this in itself should be a great inducement to new subscribers.

THE CACOETHES SCRIBENDI.

If all the trees in all the world were men,
And each and every blade of grass a pen,
If every leaf and every shrub and tree
Turned to a sheet of foolscap, every sea
Were changed to ink, and all earth's living tribes.
Had nothing else to do but act as scribes;
And for ten thousand ages, day and night,
The human race should write, and write and write,
Till all the pens and paper were used up,
And each great inkstand were an empty cup,
Still would the scribblers cluster round its brink,
Call for more pens, more paper and more ink.

THE CHRISTMAS EVE ENTERTAINMENT.

It will probably be remembered that after the entertainment last Christmas Eve, a committee was formed to take in hand and commence in good time the work in connection with the coming year's programme. Before deciding on the form of entertainment to be offered, the question as to whether or not a Christmas tree would give satisfaction, was fully discussed, the decision arrived at being that in that way it was impossible to satisfy everybody. The first difficulty is the raising funds to purchase the presents. This has had to be done by taking up a collection, and we are sorry to say that the collectors did not always meet with the encouragement they deserved, one result being that the children of those who subscribed liberally would get some small thing worth only a few cents, while the children of those who could afford, but wouldn't, would get the same. Beside this difficulty there is another, which is the number of children. The number of children is getting to large to be handled by one committee. Again the question as to the age at which they were eligible arose, and several other questions just as difficult to deal with arose, so after mature deliberation it was decided to give up the idea of Christmas tree and to substitute an entertainment, the performers through out to be children. The entertainment will consist of a cantata entitled "Strange Visitors" or a "Meeting of the Nations." The children taking part will be dressed in fancy costumes, and will no doubt perform their parts in a careful and creditable manner, as in previous performances. The music is bright and pleasing throughout, and we feel sure that the performance will be well worth seeing and hearing. The committee in choosing this cantata we think, have decided on one that will interest not only the children who have not been able to take part, but also their elders. It is unnecessary to ask everyone to attend, for we are pleased to notice that the efforts of the children always meet with the encouragement which is their due for the trouble they expend on their several parts.

Since the above was published in the "Parish and Home," the promoters of the entertainment have decided to put it off until early in the new year. The exact date will be given later on. We understand that the officers and teachers of the Presbyterian and Methodist Union Sunday School will provide the children of their School with something in the way of a Christmas tree on Christmas eve.

The following letter has been received by Mr. Van Nostrand from Mr. C. D. McKenzie, late of Elkhorn, and may prove interesting to many of our readers.

Kaslo, B. C., 17th Nov., 1892.

DEAR MR. "VAN."

Your very welcome letter 6th inst to hand, thanks for your good wishes.

It would be hard to convince me that I am dead, at least entirely so. As to being married, I have not heard of it yet, don't suppose they would do such a thing without notifying me, thanks for your congratulations, nothing like having them in on time.

As to the "gold mine," nothing is more capricious than a "mine" especially a gold mine, (dear girls not excepted.)

I enclose you the last certificate I got from the Assayer, this assay was made from samples from the whole face of the ledger, it is at least three feet wide, and we have traced it about 700 feet as $20 00 per ton is "good pay sock" ?? in gold, you will see ours are phenominal, there is all kinds of prophesies regarding it but I can patiently wait developments. They won't get it from me for a song and make me sing said song myself. If it succeeds, well and good, if it fails I am not much worse off than before.

I have an interest in six claims viz:—1-5 of the "Aldeberan;" 1-4 of the "Snow Birds;" 1-4 of the "Whistler;" 1-2 "Muzaecaw-ota;" 1-2 "Garnet;" 1-3 "Baldur."

So you see I did not waste all the summer, they are all fair looking "prospects," time only can tell what they are. I fondly hope some of them will prove successful, the "Snow Birds" bids fairest just now, "Whistler" and "Baldur" good seconds. I believe there will be a rush in here next spring, and a big "boom," everything points that way now. Lots, that sold about a year ago for $50.00 each, cannot be bought to-day for $1'00.00. I did not reach here until the 10th of May last, and had to pay from $200 to $300, for the few I got. Only stayed here a few days, went up it to the "mineral belt" prospecting and did not come out until the snow drove me, early in the fall. Was surprised to find a town where I had left only a camp of five or six houses, or rather shacks built of rough boards. Now we have a saw mill, capacity 30 thousand, six large stores, seven more building, seven large hotels, a $10,000 00 hotel talked of, one drug store, one private boarding house, and one "on the way" two large corrals for pack mules, (there are over three hundred pack mules and horses) and I believe at least seventy-five or one hundred private houses and shacks.

Tell me the news, how is the "Home." God bless it and you all.

Yours Sincerely,
C. D. MCKENZIE.

Assay certificate above mentioned reads as follows:—

Kalso, B. C. 14 Nov. 1892:
Description, Greenish talc, containing a little pysite; from Snow Bird claim on the White Water creek.
GOLD. No. of oz. per ton 39 $\frac{20}{100}$
Value at $20 $\frac{00}{100}$ per oz. $784 $\frac{33}{100}$
SILVER. No. of oz. per ton, 18 $\frac{1}{4}$
Value at $0 $\frac{85}{100}$ per oz. $15 $\frac{40}{100}$
Total value per ton of gold and silver, $799 $\frac{73}{100}$

WHAT IS HIS PLATFORM?

SEVERAL PERTINENT QUESTIONS FOR MR. WILSON TO ANSWER BEFORE BECOMING PRESIDENT OF THE COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

The Commercial Travellors who are taking an interest in the approaching election of president, will read the following letter and give it very serious consideration:—

Moncton, N. B., November 19

MY DEAR CAPTAIN,—Yours of the 17th received this morning and found me full of rheumatism and sobriety, but in all other respects doing quite well. I am not pledged to support any one except my family, and am willing to endorse Mr. L. A. Wilson's candidature if I can conscientiously do so. Let me say, in the first place, that the fact of his being a friend of yours will not militate against him, with me at any rate; I suppose he can't help it. Before I could give my adhesion to Mr Wilson's candidature, I must understand his platform. Does he believe in protection or closer trade relations? Is he a Protestant or an American? What are his views on the constitutionality of the Manitoba School Act and the Westminster confession of faith? Is he a Scott Act man or does he believe in five cent beer? Does he favor the absorption of the I C R. by the Canadian Pacific, or is he a Home Ruler? What position does he take on the entrance of Newfoundland into the Union? Is he married or does he sing in a church choir? Does he look upon the wine when it is red, white and blue? Is he a Corsican or a Gitl? Can he drink gracefully out of a jug, and who does he think should succeed Lord Tennyson as poet laureate? Does he shave himself, and can he repeat the ten commandments in the United States language? Does he pay by cheque or I. O. U.? If these questions are satisfactorily answered I will aid his candidature all I can. By the by, what office is he running for?

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GEO H. HAM.

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NOTICE is hereby given that it is the intention of the Department of the Interior to hold a sale of School Lands in the Province of Manitoba on or about the first of January next.

The sale will be by public auction, and will be held in the cities of Winnipeg and Brandon, and at such other convenient points as may hereafter be decided upon.

Due notice will be given prior to the sale of the dates and places at which it is to be held, and complete lists of the lands will be furnished.

In the mean time preliminary lists which will be subject to alteration from time to time as the reports of the School Lands Inspectors are received, both as regards the parcels to be sold and the upset prices may be had on application to the Secretary, Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, Winnipeg.

As the public does not appear to be fully aware that the Department of the Interior, being charged with the administration of these lands, is bound to take every possible means to prevent their illegal occupation, it is conceived to be necessary to publish his intimation of the fact, and to make it known as widely as possible that action of law will be instituted after the auction sale hereinbefore mentioned against all persons who may assume to occupy or cultivate the lands or any portion thereof.

The lands in question will be offered for sale without regard to any improvements which may be alleged to exist thereon, the value of which will in no case be secured to the person at whose cost the said improvements may be alleged to have been effected.

By order,
JOHN R. HALL,
Secretary.

Department of the Interior,
Ottawa, 4th October, 1892.

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STRAYED AWAY FROM ELKHORN on Friday, October 21st, one BLACK BRONCHO MARE with white strip on face, and one BAY BRONCHO MARE. The undersigned will give a suitable REWARD to any one who will give INFORMATION which will lead to their recovery. Apply to—WM. HOPPS, ELKHORN.

WANTED.

WANTED EVERYBODY IN TOWN & country to advertise in these columns. 50 cents for ten lines 1st insertion; 25 cents each subsequent insertion; three insertions for $1.00. Apply for further particulars to the Office of this Paper.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

December 18th. 1892.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.
REV. R. C. STEVENSON, RECTOR.

Kola, 11 A. M.
Elkhorn, 4 P. M.

PRESBYTERIAN.
REV. J. W. PENMAN, MINISTER.

Forrest, 11 A. M.
Hargrave 3 P. M.
Elkhorn 7. 30 P. M

METHODIST.
REV. T. M. TALBOT, MINISTER.

Elkhorn, 11 A. M.
Moscrell 1 30 P. M.
Woodville 3 30 P. M.

TOWN TALK.

They are the abstract and brief chronicles of the time." Hamlet, Act II. Scene 2.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 15, 1892

Mr. Harvey Simpson of Virden, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. Geo Skipton left for his old home in Ireland, on Monday last.

Mr Wm Cunningham leaves for Ontario in a few days to spend the winter

The election of a Councillor for Ward 3 takes place on Tuesday next in the Foresters' hall.

We are pleased to see Mr Arthur Asquith-wall around again, after his long siege of illness

Beginning with the first issue in January, the Carberry Express will be published semi weekly.

The Moosomin Spectator is the name of the new paper just started in Moosomin in place of the Journal and Times

We regret to learn of the death of one of Mrs. Raven's twin boys, the birth of whom we chronicled three or four weeks ago

Santa Claus has duly arrived on time and left us better goods, a greater variety and at less cost than ever before R. M. Coombs & Co

Mr Sam Stevenson intends leaving in few days for his old home in Toronto He will probably return to Elkhorn again in the spring.

Just as we are going to press we are asked to announce that the Union Sunday School Christmas tree will take place on the Friday before Christmas instead of on Christmas Eve, as stated on another page.

In connection with the Manitoba Central Farmers' Institute, Mr. J. G. Rutherford, M. P. P, will deliver an address in the hall on December 16th. (to morrow.)

You will have to send home a few Xmas cards. Come and see our new designs. 10c. will buy one of the nice cards you ever saw. R. M. Coombs & Co.

One of the boarders at the Cavanagh hotel, when passing through the kitchen on Monday last, had the misfortune to step through the open trap door of the cellar. Happily no harm was done with the exception of a bruised ankle.

Owing to the fact of our holiday number being twice the size of our usual issue, we have decided not to publish any paper during Christmas week Our holiday number will be ready if possible, by Christmas Eve.

Mr. Wm Thompson, who has ably filled the position of managing editor of the Farmer's Advocate since the death of Mr. Bartlett, has, on account of ill health been compelled to resign. He has been succeeded by Mr. Geo. H. Greig, of Otterburne.

Mr. W. J Taggart presided as host to a number of friends who assembled at his house on Saturday evening last. Games were provided, after which a "taffy pull" was entered into with great gusto by the guests. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

A number of young people drove up to "The Barn" at Two Creeks, on Friday evening, where they spent the greater part of the night stepping the light fantastic toe. A concert had been held during the early part of the evening, but the Elkhorn contingent was too late to take it in. A most enjoyable time was spent, and all returned well pleased with their outing.

St. Mark's L. A. met in the Elkhorn Restaurant on Thursday last. The mode of proceedure was somewhat altered from their usual gatherings. Instead of the usual tea at 6 o'clock, an oyster supper was provided from 8 till 10, and the collection plate was handed round at intervals. About $15.00 was taken up, which after paying expenses was placed to the credit of the Society.

The new curling rink will probably be flooded this week, and be ready for use about Wednesday next. The building is on the south side of the track, and is 165 feet long and 40 wide. The whole is divided into two rinks, by a passage down the middle. One rink will be used for curling and the other for skating Get your stones and skates ready. There is a good time in store for those who enjoy these pastimes

The regular meeting of the R. T. of T's was held in the Foresters' hall on Tuesday evening last. The election of officers for the ensuing half year took place. The following being the new officers:—

S. C—T. M Talbot.
V. C.—Mrs. Bowan.
P. C.—R S. Mowat.
Rec. Sec.—Geo Broadley.
Ass. R. C.—C. F Travis.
Fin. Sec.—W. C Miller.
Herald G. C. Webster.
Guard—F. Minto.
Sentinel—Arnold Bradford.

After the election of officers, the following resolution was moved by Bro. G. Broadley and seconded by Bro. A. Bradford, and unanimously carried. "That we, the members of the R. T. of T., and fellow townspeople, do offer our congratulations to Bro. C. F. Travis on his successful navigation of courtship into wedlock, and wish him equal success in his future journey over the turbulent sea of matrimony which is said to abound with rocks and breakers. We also offer to Mrs. Travis our fraternal greetings on her entry into our midst."

It was also carried unanimously that our condolence be extended to Mr. L. R. Raven in the bereavement caused by the death of his youngest child.

Ottawa Dec. 13th.—It is reported that Parliament will meet on January 19th.

A meeting was held on Saturday evening for the formation of a Sunday School in connection with St. Mark's Church. Officers and teachers were appointed, and things got into running shape. The first School lessons were given in the church on the following Sunday, when twenty-eight children and a number of members of the Bible class met together.

An Indian woman in the Sioux camp south of town recently gave birth to a child with two heads. The monstrosity was stillborn and its body was immediately buried according to the custom of the tribe, who look upon such an event as one likely to anger ill for the well being of the camp. A dog feast to counteract the "hoodoo" was held on the day following.—Moose Jaw Times.

The fastest locomotive in the world is believed to be the "Flying Jersey Dutchman," of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, U. S. On February 25th last, during a run from Jersey City to Philadelphia, it covered a mile in 30 1-4 seconds, which is at the rate of 91 7 miles an hour. The conditions of work were unfavorable at the time, as the rails were damp and the weather foggy.

A curious marriage was solemnized recently. A clergyman, aged 73, being struck with paralysis and being near death, began to think of setting his house in order before he quitted this world. One thing troubled him exceedingly, and that was the fate of his old housekeeper. He had no money to leave her. At last he was struck with an idea. He proposed and was married to her while he was lying in bed nearly dead. A day or two afterwards he died, and his faithful servant was rendered comfortable for life by the annuity granted to all poor ministers' widows from the Ministers' Widows Fund.

Brandon, Dec. 10—During the last week carpenters have been busy putting in the plate glass fronts in the new blocks that have been erected during the past season. Eighty-six plate glass windows in all have been placed in position. The window glass for in the front of C. F. Miller & Co's dry goods establishment is the largest on the whole continent not barring those in the larger cities of the United States. This glass is 150 square feet in it and weighs 1,169 pounds, it is 10x15. Brandon merchants should appear are never content in being second to others.

Qu'Appelle, N. W. T., Dec. 17th, 1892—Mr. C. F Travis, C. P. R agent at Elkhorn and eldest son of Mr. Rufus Travis of that place, was united in the bonds of holy matrimony on Wednesday last, Dec. 7th, to Miss Bosley of this place, in the Presbyterian church here. There were a number of the bride's friends present, and he was the recipient of many useful and ornamental gifts. The Rev. Mr. Mathieson, minister of the Presbyterian church, officiated, and the happy couple left the same evening for Winnipeg. They will probably return to their future home at Elkhorn on Wednesday next.

A merry party of wellwishers assembled at the house of the bridegroom's father on Tuesday evening last, to give our popular townsman, Mr C. F. Travis, a joyful home coming, in company with his bride. Between twenty and thirty assembled, and sedately and seriously awaited the arrival of the happy pair on the west bound train. On their arrival, congratulations and good wishes were showered profusely upon them in sufficient, one would imagine, to make them happy for years to come. About midnight the company sat down to a sumptuous spread and devoutly signified their good wishes by a gallant attack upon the good things provided. After supper the party returned to the parlor for conversation, when the bride and bridegroom were made the objects of witticisms and good humored jests, and thus the hours fled, until the sma' wee' hours began to enlarge into larger proportion, and the visitors eyes became proportionally small, and after valedictions, congratulations, etc., obeyed the demands of somnus and retired to their ingle nook Several valuable and useful presents were on view.

Before leaving this interesting subject, we offer our sincere congratulations to Mr. C. F. Travis on this happy era of his life, and extend our greetings to Mrs. Travis on her entry into her new home.

CURLING CLUB.

A meeting of the members of this club was held last evening, when the following officers were elected:—

Patron, Hon T. M. Daly; Hon. President, J. F. Frame, M. P. P.; President, G. T. Rogers; Vice President, Jas. E. Hoy; Sec.-Treas. W. M. Cushing; Chaplain, Rev. T. M. Talbot; Care taker, Jos. Broadley; Committee, Rev. R. G. Stevenson; C. F. Travis, and R. S. Mowat. Auditors, Geo. Broadley, F. J. Greenstreet.

It was decided that children under 14 years of age be not admitted after 6 p.m. That the fee for skating be 10 cts. up to 6 p.m., and 15 cts. after that hour. Each member be allowed to bring one lady.

That any curler—a non member, but introduced by a member, be allowed to play when no games are scheduled, for a fee of $1.00 admission.

The membership fee is fixed at $7.00 for the season.

OUR VIRDEN LETTER.

Items of Interest from the Capital of Dennis.

(From our own Correspondent)

One has just to attend a few of the numerous Sheriff sales held in Virden from time to time to realize that there are in this community, men who can only be described in the words of Dickens, "Oh, but he was a tightfisted hand at the grindstone, a squeezing, wrenching grasping, scraping, clutching old sinner! Eternal heat and cold had little influence on him. No warmth could warm, no cold could chill him. No wind that blew was bitterer than he, no falling snow was more intent upon its purpose, no pelting rain less open to entreaty.—Foul weather didn't know where to have him. The heaviest rain and snow and sleet could boast of the advantage over him in only one respect—they often "came down" handsomely, Scrooge never did" There are too many Scrooges in this Manitoba of ours. May they soon give place to men of larger heart and kindlier hand. The most prominent and baldest men in our town are the "dunners." They stand at every street corner, and woe betide the poor debtor upon whom they can fasten their eagle eye.

Rumor has it that wedding bells will join in unison with Christmas echoes. The names of the contracting parties I dare not give away just yet.

Miss Helen Proctor, eldest daughter of our esteemed townsman, Wm. Proctor, left on Tuesday for Hinburgh, Scotland. She goes in search of health. Our good wishes go with her.

The Normal School will be held in Virden as usual. The new building is now ready for occupation, and is a credit to the town. Normal students may depend upon having more comfortable quarters the coming term than heretofore.

Dr. Rutherford, M. P. P., will lecture on "The Horse" in Virden, Thursday next at 2 p.m. If the genial Yet will tell us the cheapest way to keep a horse, we'll pass the rest and take his word for it.

There has been a Committee working from time immemorial towards a public library. Judging from the progress made so far, I think we shall have it about the year 2000. Get a move on P. L. Com., or let somebody else have a fling at it.

[We have left a very interesting part of this correspondence over for our Christmas number.] Ed.

MONTGOMERY DISTRICT.

Mrs. Hockley of this district has been very ill for the last few weeks with congestion of lungs. We understand she is improving and hopes she may soon be in the enjoyment of good health again.

The recent storm has given the country a decidedly wintry appearance. Sleighing is made rather heavy by the wind filling up the roads. The winter seems to have come to stay; there is a possibility that feed will be scarce throughout the country before spring and we may again have a touch of the experience of the winter of 1890.

The Methodists here purpose having a concert in the school house on the night of Dec 23rd. No doubt we may look for a good programme, as in addition to the talent of the district, some from Virden is expected. The proceeds will be devoted to helping to pay the district's share of the minister's salary.

We regret to hear of the loss of Mr. James Elder of this district, in the recent fire in Virden. He had stored in the elevator, 1,100 bushels of wheat, uninsured. All the grain was badly damaged. We understand he will not be able to realize much for the value of the wheat from the damaged grain

The annual school meetings of the ratepayers of rural school districts, were held on Monday. In this district Mr. Wm. Whiteford was the retiring trustee. Mr. Wells was elected for the next term.

In Joelin district, Mr. S. Nichol, the retiring trustee was re-elected for the ensuing term.

BEULAH BITS.

Can any of your readers give any information that might lead to the recovery of a valuable team of horses, pair of sleighs, a load of flour, which were lost from our midst a few days back. All communication to be addressed to the Provincial Constable, Beulah.

The annual meeting of the Minitoa School was held here on Monday, proceedings were quiet. Mr. McDonald was elected trustee, and Messrs Winearis and Galley, auditors for the ensuing year. The nomination for Councillors for the rural Municipality of Minota took place at Beulah town hall on Tuesday. Mr. John Fleming and Mr. Thos. Stevenson were proposed for Reeve. Messrs. Lyon and Chapman were returned unopposed as Councillors for the North Ward. Mr. Thos. Hamilton and Mr H. Turner, for the South Ward, and in the Centre Ward there will be a contest between Mr. C. Gurney, Mr. W. Rowan and Mr. T. Clarke

In the absence of the Reeve, Mr. A. Preston took the chair, and called up the Councillors, who, by the way were most conspicious by their absence, to give an account of their stewardships.

The gopher pest was brought up and pretty fully discussed. It was thought that the Government should pass an act legalizing the use of poison by responsible parties, and that being done, that the Municipality should purchase poison and wage war on the first opening of spring.

The new bridge across the Assiniboine came in for a good deal of comment. The site of the Northern one seems very unsatisfactory to the majority of people, as the approach from this side of the river is, to say the least precipitous, and the other approach is a fine place in spring for about two months for duck shooting, that is to say if you are a happy possessor of a boat. The ice breaks were thought by most of our local engineers, to be the wrong shape, as they are built square to the stream, the general idea is that they should have been pron shaped like the bows of an Ironclad.

The meeting which was very orderly, needed in a vote of thanks to the chairman.

We are glad to see by the ADVOCATE that the price of wheat has at last attained an upward tendency, as the past low prices have been very discouraging to the farmers.

Quite a lot of teams have been through this way lately, making for Messrs. McArthur's lumber woods in the Riding Mountains. There is to be a very big cut of timber taken out this winter, both saw logs and ties.

Still the beautiful keeps falling, and the trails are very heavy. If it keeps on like this till spring, we shall be travelling about six feet above "terra firma."

DEATHS.

RAVEN—At Elkhorn, on Dec. 13th, Ernest Ross, infant son of Lorenzo Ross and Elizabeth Mary Raven, aged four weeks and five days.

MARRIAGES.

HULMES—RIDDELL—At Lippentott, on the 7th inst, by the Rev. J. W. Penman, Mr. Wm. Edmund Hulmes of Griswold, to Miss Mary Riddell of Port Hope, Ont.

ELKHORN MARKETS.

Wheat No. 1 hard, 45c.; No. 2, 43c. Oats, 17c. Butter 18 to 20c. Eggs 20c. Chicken, 8c. Turkeys 10 to 12c. Potatoes 35c. Onions $1.25 per bush. Lard 12 1-2. Beef 4 to 4 1 2c. Pork 5. to 6c. Mutton 9 to 10c. Sausages 12. Hides 1 1-2. Bacon 10c.

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Lake Winnipeg	Dec. 14
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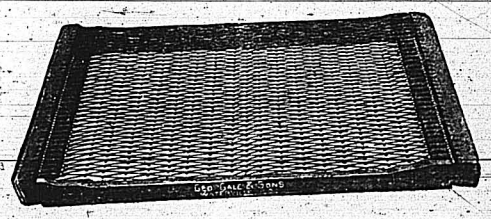

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NEWS TOPICS OF A WEEK

IMPORTANT EVENTS IN FEW WORDS FOR BUSY READERS.

A Complete Record of the Busy World's Happenings Carefully Compiled and Put Into Handy and Attractive Shape for the Readers of Our Paper.

TOUCHING SOME MARRIAGES.

The marriage of Prince Ferdinand, of Bulgaria, to the daughter of the ex-Duke of Parma will not be sanctioned by the Holy See.

Chauncey Moslan, weighing 442 pounds, and Annie Bell, weighing 570 pounds, were married in a New York dime museum Friday.

THE WEEK AND WOMEN.

A bill has been introduced in the Alabama Legislature providing for an annuity of $500 to the widow of Jefferson Davis during her life.

The W. C. T. U. of Manitoba has taken up the women's suffrage question, and will canvass the province to ascertain the feeling generally on that subject.

THE RELIGIOUS WORLD.

Rev. Mr. Cockburn, of Paris, has been elected president of the Christian Endeavor Union of Brant county.

Rev. George Richardson, of Berlin, has been elected president of the Waterloo Sunday School Association.

The new Methodist church at Tweed, Ont., was dedicated Friday, Rev. Dr. Potts preaching the sermon. The edifice will seat 500 people and cost $11,000 of which $8,000 has been raised.

WORLD OF AGRICULTURE.

Rain making experiments in Texas have failed.

The grain blockade in South Dakota is growing serious.

In Windsor Friday hay took a jump from $9 to $11 per ton.

Considerable damage is reported on the Pacific coast on account of heavy rain storms.

A wood-sawing match at Petrolea Friday between J. Wallace, of Sarnia, and H. Smith, of Petrolea, was won by the latter. He sawed a cord in 52 minutes 5 seconds.

MONOPOLIES.

The Bell Telephone Company asks for a monopoly of the business in London, offering $800 per year for ten years.

A New York syndicate has purchased the street railway systems of New Orleans for $10,000,000 and will substitute electric for mule power.

London City Council has agreed to lease the London & Port Stanley railroad to Cleveland capitalist on condition that he deposits $30,000 security.

Montreal City Council, after four hours' stormy discussion, renewed the contract with the Royal Electric Compony for city lighting without calling for tenders.

STATISTICAL.

In the United States during the last fiscal year bounty was paid on 378,115,217 pounds of sugar.

The total inland revenue collected in the United States during the last fiscal year was $153,857,544. The cost of collection was $4,315,046.

Dominion immigration returns show that 1,148 settlers arrived in the Northwest in November. This makes a total for eleven months of 36,111.

During last month the C.P.R. land department disposed of 40,000 acres of land to actual settlers in the Manitoba and the Northwest, realizing $125,000. November sales, compared with a year ago, show an increase of 300 per cent.

THE DEAD.

Jay Gould died on Friday.

Mr. George McRae, Q.C., died in Montreal Friday.

Pierre Galland, the renowned decorative artist, is dead in Paris.

James O'Grady, a Crimean veteran, is dead at Ottawa, aged 70 years.

Miss Mary Allan, temperance missionary in Japan, died at Tokio recently.

Hon. Richard Bellamy, ex-M.L.C., of York county, N.B., is dead, aged 65.

Robert C. Riggs, aged 103 pears and 5 months, died on Saturday at St. John, N.B.

Dr. P. R. Shaver, Stratford's oldest medical practitioner, died Friday after a long illness.

DEFALCATIONS, DISAPPEARANCES.

J. H. Simmons, of Brantford, a well-known grain merchant, has disappeared.

The agent of the Bank of British Columbia at Nelson, B.C., is said to be a defaulter to the amount of $40,000.

The Stone City Bank of Joliet, Ill., suspended payment on Thursday. The deposits reach nearly half a million.

James H. Snyder, 28, of North Adams, Mass., mysteriously disappeared on November 10, and his whereabouts are unknown.

H. B. Stiles, Toronto, cannot be found. He is a real estate agent and builder, and his creditors would like to know what has become of him.

Attorney J. E. Adams, of Chicago, says his vault has been robbed of $3,000. His clerk asserts that if anyone robbed it Mr. Adams knows the man.

THE LABOR WORLD.

Another outbreak of miners is expected at Coal Creek, Tenn.

The Hamilton Woollen Company, of Amsterdam, Mass., has increased the wages of all employes.

The trouble between the Chicago Elevated railway employes and the company is to be submitted to arbitration.

The differences between the telegraph operators of Jersey City and the companies have been satisfactorily arranged.

The Oliver Steel Company of Pittsburg closed down suddenly on Saturday owing to want of orders. One thousand men are idle.

The striking English cotton operatives are gaining both confidence and support. £10,000 has been placed to the credit of central relief fund.

The members of the English Royal Labor Commission were much impressed Saturday by the testimony of Prof. Gould of the Johns Hopkins University.

At the Trades and Labor Council Friday evening it was announced that Mr. H. A. Massey had offered to contribute $5,000 toward the founding of a manual training school in Toronto, provided the city would give a like amount.

A deputation of London's unemployed men waited upon Postmaster-General Arnold Morley to urge an increase in 27 last week and 35 the corresponding week one year ago.

The trustee of the Duke of Sutherland has applied to the court for an injunction to restrain the Dowager-Duchess, his stepmother, from disposing of the family heirlooms.

Charles Mitchell, the pugilist, has been denied the withdrawal of his appeal against a sentence of two months' imprisonment at hard labor for assaulting an old man. He will there be sentenced at the coming Clerkenwell Sessions.

THE ACCIDENT RECORD.

Four persons while crossing the Erie tracks at Elmira, N. Y., Thursday night were killed.

Charles Boisson was blown from the platform of a Union Pacific train, near Denver and killed.

John Caldwell, a bricklayer, fell from a scaffold in Hamilton Friday. He was seriously injured.

Joseph Humphreys, a six-year-old Hamiltonian, was accidentally shot in the thigh Saturday.

A locomotive exploded at Brownsville, Pa., killing Engineer Barry and fatally and scalding Fireman Neiffert.

The explosion of a gasoline stove at Jackson, Michigan, caused the death of a child and probably of the mother.

Henry Melzar fell under the wheels and was killed in attempting to board a moving train at Hamilton on Saturday.

A Chicago & Rock Island train struck a waggon near Denver Friday night. Mrs McQuedry, one of the occupants, was instantly killed and several others were seriously injured.

THE CRIMINAL RECORD.

A German named Luskina has been arrested in Paris as a spy.

Corpses in the city morgue, Chicago, have recently been robbed.

Six safes were blown open within a block of police headquarters in Chicago on Thursday night.

Burglars stole $500 worth of goods from the tailor shop of Thos. Craig, Ridgetown, Wednesday night.

Wholesale forgeries of autograph literary and historic documents have been discovered in Edinburgh.

Lizzie Borden, the alleged murderess, has been indicted on three counts by the grand jury at Taunton, Mass.

The Austrian Reichsrath refused to vote the money asked for secret service purposes.

Goldwin Smith has accepted the honorary presidency of the Continental Union Association.

Dr. Bourbonnais, for the Liberals of Soulanges, will contest the riding against Mr. Pain, who was unseated.

Germany's new emigration law will result in the better class of settlers being compelled to remain at home.

A private despatch received in Ottawa Saturday from Quebec announced that Premier DeBoucherville had resigned.

The Pope denies that he has any idea of establishing a legation at Washington, and expresses displeasure at the rumor.

The South Brant Reform Association at Brantford was addressed Friday by Mr. Paterson, M.P. for Brant, and Hon. A. S. Hardy.

M. Brisson has abandoned the attempt and President Carnot charged M. Pirier to form a new French Cabinet, but he also gave it up.

Mr. W. B. Ives, the coming Cabinet Minister, says the eastern township Protestants have almost forgotten Sir John Thompson's connection with the Jesuit Estates Act.

MARITIME MATTERS.

Mrs. Deacon has brought a libel suit against the Galignani Messenger.

Hereafter pleasure yachts passing through the Welland canal will be exempt from toll.

Four steerage passengers on the Giara, from Naples to New York, died of diphtheria on the voyage.

The naval officers court-martialled Firday for the loss of H. M. S. Howe were honorably acquitted.

The captain, chief engineer and fourteen others of the lost Japanese warship Chishimarukan were picked up by the Ravenna's boats.

A Japanese warship collided with a British steamer the other day and was so badly damaged that she went down. Eighty-five lives were lost.

It is alleged in London that there is in the Lenox library of New York a quantity of matter attributed to Burns but which consists of forgeries.

Twelve barges containing 192,000 bushels of Manitoba wheat reached Montreal Saturday. This will be the last shipment by water this season.

The whaleback Columbus, launched at West Superior, Saturday, for the World's Fair transportation business, will have capacity for 5,000 passengers.

A lifeboat belonging to the British steamer Greystoke, which sank in the Elbe on Wednesday last, containing three dead bodies, drifted ashore. The crew of the Greystoke numbered 21, all told. It is believed that all on board the steamer were lost.

OF INTERNATIONAL INTEREST.

The Behring Sea arbitrators meet in Paris Feb. 23.

England, Germany, and the States will unite in quieting Samoa.

The native insurgents in Samoa have attacked English residents.

Gen. Dodds is preparing for the complete occupation of Dahomey by the French.

A German paper urges the Government to negotiate a reciprocity treaty with the United States.

Excitement has been caused at Tangier by a Moorish police guard firing upon four Europeans, killing one and wounding another.

The interests of the United States railways are too intimately associated with those of Canada for the latter to fear nothing from threatened retaliation.

The usurping ruler of Chitral Sher, Afzul Khan has recognized the Ameer of Afghanistan as suzerain. It is important to remember that Britain does not recognize his suzerainty.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Gladstone was given the freedom of Liverpool on Saturday.

Mr. Portal has been appointed British Commissioner to Uganda.

A splendid deposit of coal has been discovered at Treherne, Manitoba.

Mr. D. Pottinger has been appointed general manager of the Intercolonial.

Hon. George E. Foster, Minister of Finance, arrived at Halifax from England Saturday.

Joseph Green was fined $11 and costs at Belleville on Saturday for selling potatoes unfit for food.

Wm. Watson, who wrote the best obituary poem on Lord Tennyson, has been offered £200 for the royal bounty.

William Waldorf Astor has taken Cliveden, the Duke of Westminster's seat, for five months, from December to April.

Mr. J. W. Garvin, principal of the Woodstock Public Schools, has been appointed inspector of Peterboro' schools at a salary of $1,200.

The Governor-General and party paid a visit to Upper Canada College Friday afternoon, and, in reply to an address in Latin from the head boy, his excellency delivered an impromptu Latin speech.

MATTERS MONETARY.

The Saturday Review ridicules Rothschild's silver scheme.

The Austrian press regards the Rothschild silver scheme as impracticable.

Archbishop Walsh favors bi-metalism as a remedy for Irish tenant troubles.

The World's Fair souvenir coins have been tested by the Treasury Department at Washington and found correct.

The monetary associations in the principal cities of Scotland favor and will co-operate with the English Bi-metallic League.

The monetary scheme of Mr. de Rothschild, the British delegate, has been rejected by the committee to which it was referred.

The first official payment of the salaries of the members of the Lower House of the Austrian Reichsrath was made Saturday in gold. This payment caused quite a commotion, as the nation as a whole is unacquainted with gold coins, except such as are contained in the museums.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Four thousand bushels of peas were burned at Picton Saturday morning.

Between 60 and 70 buildings in Bonaventure, Panama, have been burned.

Papbts' stationery store was damaged $100 Thursday and narrowly escaped destruction.

A fire at Buckingham, Que., Thursday, destroyed between $3,000 and $4,000 worth of property.

A subterranean fire is raging in the zinc mining region at Webb City, Missouri. A shaft has been sunk to a considerable depth, but the heat became so intense that the miners had to quit work, flame bursting through.

The Carthage cheese factory, near Stratford, together with the whole of the September and October make of cheese, 508 boxes, or over 5,000 pounds, was totally destroyed by fire Friday afternoon. The loss is estimated to be $7,500.

Two barns, one shed, seven head of cattle, twenty tons of hay and a large quantity of grain, a binder and other articles all burned; loss over $2,000. This is Robert Murray's experience at Forest through the upsetting of a lantern.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Cholera has again appeared at Cherbourg, France.

Chattanooga, Tenn., had an earthquake shock Friday.

A vote on the question of shop licenses will be taken in Woodstock.

Saturday was the dullest day on the New York Stock Exchange in its history.

Sept. 14, 15 and 16 are the dates of the international athletic contests at the World's Fair.

Anthracite coal has been discovered in Hamilton County, Indiana, a few feet below the surface.

Veins of copper and silver are said to have been discovered near Hawley, Wayne County, Pa.

Forty-two persons left Kngston Thursday for the United States, where they will reside permanently.

Railroad magnates at Chicago decided Saturday to restore east-bound rates to the basis last agreed on.

The health board of London are preparing stringent regulations to protect the country against cholera next spring.

On December 29 the Geological Society of America will meet in annual session in the House of Commons, Ottawa.

The World's Fair authorities have been notified that Spain will increase her appropriation for her exhibit there to $200,000.

The German steamship Spree broke her main shaft 1,000 miles from Queenstown. A hole was punched in her bottom, but watertight bulkheads saved her. The passengers were in a panic, and one man in his terror jumped overboard. The Huron towed her to Queenstown.

A telegram from Athens announces the loss of two British steamers, one the Arabian Prince, Capt. Milburn, which was wrecked off the island of Eubœa, and the other the Sir Francis Drake, which was wrecked off Cape Matila, on the southern coast of the Morea. No loss of life is reported in either case.

Give the Horse a Bath.

Nothing so refreshes a tired animal, biped or quadruped, as a bath. The profusely perspiring horse discharges an enormous quantity of waste matter through the skin, and the odor of it is as bad as that of the manure, being strongly ammoniacal. This attracts the pestiferous stable fly, which so disturbs the rest of the horses at night. A drenching of cool water, and an immediate rubbing down of the skin, will be a double relief to the wearied animal. It will refresh him and relieve him from its tormentors. A covering of wire gauze on the windows and doors of the stable, and a cooling of the floor and walls with water; with a clean bed, is the least any conscientious man should provide for his faithful horses.

Hogs and Dairying.

The hog is an important factor in connection with the dairy for disposing of by-products. Prof. Robertson declares that farmers who follow dairying lose one of their best aids by neglecting the hog. Every cow on the farm should be represented by two pigs. These should be fed on whey and grain. Nearly 7 per cent. of the whey consists of material that would put fat on hogs.

Fourteen residents of Chatham, Ont., have been up before the local beak on a charge of poker playing.

SAW A FRIEND'S GHOST.

AN ENGLISH OFFICER VISITED BY A SPECTER.

Shot in the Lungs by Boers—The Apparition Tells of the Battle Before News of It Had Reached the London Newspapers.

A very remarkable story is told by Colonel H——, a British army officer, which was recently verified in all its essential points by the Psychical Research Society, of which the well-known Prof. Sedgwick, of Cambridge, is president. The society is composed of scientific men of established reputation. Its prominent representatives in this country are Prof. William James, of Harvard, and Dr. Hodgson, of Boston.

The case in question, says the Cincinnati Commercial, is but one of many that have been investigated by the society, but it is more interesting than others because of the excellent reputation of the narrator, who writes over his signature, and because of the various incidents that multiply the evidence in support of the truth.

The story tells how Major J. Poole, of the Royal Artillery, who was killed in the battle of Lang's Neck, in Transvaal, reported his own death in London to his friend, Colonel H——, many hours before the telegraphic dispatches announced that the battle had been fought.

Colonel H—— begins his story by stating that he is not a believer in ghosts, spirit manifestations or esoteric Buddhism. He formed a friendship with Major Poole 20 years ago, when they were both subalterns, and their intercourse continued up to the time of the Transvaal war, when Poole was ordered out on the staff. The narrator's story reads in part as follows:

A STARTLING APPEARANCE.

"The Transvaal war was at its height. One night, after reading for some time in the library of the club, I had gone to my rooms late. It must have been nearly 1 o'clock when I turned into bed. I had slept, perhaps, some six hours or so when I awoke with a start. The grey dawn was stealing in through the windows, and the light fell sharply and distinctly on the military chest of drawers that stood at the further end of the room, and which I carried about with me everywhere during my service. Standing by my bed, between me and the chest of drawers, I saw a figure, which in spite of the unwonted dress—unwonted at least to me—and of a full black beard, I at once recognized as that of my old brother officer.

"He had the usual Kharki coat, worn by officers on active service in Eastern climates; a brown leather strap, which might have been the strap of his field service glass, crossed his breast. A brown leather girdle, with sword attached on the left side and revolver case on the right, passed around his waist. On his head he wore the ordinary white pith helmet of the service. I noted all these particulars in the moment that I started from sleep and sat up in bed looking at him. His face was pale, but his bright, black eyes shone as keenly as when, a year and a half before, they had looked at me as he stood with one foot on the hansom bidding me adieu.

THE GHOST TALKS.

"Fully impressed for the brief moment that we were stationed together at C, in Ireland or somewhere, and thinking I was in my barrack-room, I said: 'Hello, Poole! Am I late for parade?' Poole looked at me steadily and replied: 'I'm shot.'

"'Shot,' I exclaimed. 'Good God! how and where?'

"'Through the lungs,' replied Poole, and as he spoke his right hand moved slowly up the breast until the fingers rested upon the right lung.

"'What were you doing?' I asked.

"'The General sent me forward,' he answered, and the right hand left the breast to move slowly to the front, pointing over my head to the window, and at the same moment the figure melted away. I rubbed my eyes to make sure I was not dreaming, and sprang out of bed.

"I felt sure that my old friend was no more, and what I had seen was only his apparition. But yet, how account for the voice, the ready and distinct answers? That I had seen a spirit, certainly something that was not flesh and blood, and that I had conversed with it, were alike indisputable facts. But how to reconcile the apparent impossibilities? The thought disquieted me, and I longed for the hour when the club would open and I could get a chance of learning from the papers any news from the seat of war in the Transvaal. The hours passed feverishly. I was first at the club that morning, and snatched greedily at the first newspaper. No news of the war whatever.

"I passed the day in a more or less unquiet mood and talked over the whole circumstances with an old brother officer, Colonel W. He was as fully impressed with the apparition as I was.

"The next morning I was again a solitary member of the club, and seized with avidity the first paper that came to hand. This time my anxiety was painfully set at rest, for my eyes fell at once on the brief lines that told of the battle of Lang's Neck, and on the list of killed, foremost among them all, being poor Poole. I noted the time that the battle was fought, calculated it with the hour at which I had seen the figure and found that it almost coincided. From this simple fact I could only surmise that the figure had appeared to me in London almost at the moment that the fatal bullet had done its work in the Transvaal.

"Two questions now arose in my mind. First, as to proof that poor Poole happened to wear that particular uniform at the time of his death, and whether he wore a beard, which I myself had never seen him wear. Second, whether he had met his death in the manner indicated, namely, by a bullet through the right lung. The first facts I established beyond dispute about six months afterward through an officer who was at the battle of Lang's Neck and who had been invalided home. He confirmed every detail.

The narrator adds that the second fact was confirmed by an old brother officer who went to the Transvaal with Poole and who, in answer to a question as to how Poole was shot, replied: "Just here," placing his hand over his right lung. The Psychical Research Society, in its investigation of this case, finds from the London Gazette that the battle in which Major Poole was killed began, according to General Elley's dispatch, at 9.30 p.m., January 28, 1881. The first account of the battle appeared in

MEASURING TREES.

At the present season of the year, says the Country Gentleman, when the prospect is often entertained of cutting large trees for timber, manufacturing purposes and for fuel, and of purchasing standing trees and measuring their contents in advance, it often becomes important to know their height. For landscape effect and interest, the various heights of the different trees on ornamental grounds may be easily determined by simple appliances, when they have reached an altitude too great to be measured from the ground with a pole. Among these are the following:

Place a 10-foot pole upright against the foot of the tree, and then walk away from the tree to such a distance from it as may be convenient for the operation, and hold a pocket rule upright in the hand at arm's length, so that the rule (or any portion of it) shall coincide in view with the pole against the tree—fig. 1. Suppose that 1

FIG. 1.

inch on the rule, held out at arm's length, just covers the pole. An inch will thus be 10 feet on the tree. Observe how many inches from the ground measures on the rule to the top of the tree. Suppose that it requires 6 inches on the rule; then 60 feet is the height of the tree. If the work is properly done, the measurement need not vary a foot from the real height. The ground need not be smooth or level; all that is needed is that the foot and top of the tree be both in view. If the measure is 10 inches on the rule, then the tree is 100 feet high. If 7½ inches, the height is 75 feet.

Some allowance must be made where the tree is tall and the distance from it small, for the oblique view, which if extreme would give a diminished measurement. It is therefore necessary to stand at a considerable distance from the tree in making the observation, if it is tall.

A ready and more rapid mode of measurement, but rather less accurate, may be employed, when the approximate height is all that is required. It consists in using the fingers of the hand instead of the pocket rule, and with a man to stand at the tree instead of placing the upright pole—fig. 2. Two men are walking along the margin of woods, or over a field with scattered trees. One of them, who measures six feet high with his hat on, stands at the foot of the tree. The other takes his position several rods distant, and holds out his open hand at arm's length, so that his four fingers shall cover the man at the tree. Then he moves his hand upward on the face of the tree to the top of the man's hat, thus giving 12 feet high. Then another move, and he has 18 feet, then 24, and so on, till the whole tree is measured

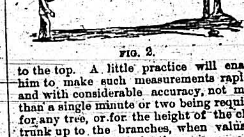

FIG. 2.

to the top. A little practice will enable him to make such measurements rapidly and with considerable accuracy, not more than a single minute or two being required for any tree, or for the height of the clear trunk up to the branches, when valuable timber is under examination.

Another mode is to measure the shadow. This may be easily done, if the ground is level, and the tree casts a clear shadow by sunlight. Measure the shadow, and then holding a pole erect, observe the proportion of the shadow to the pole and calculate the height of the tree accordingly, by simple arithmetic. If the shadow is equal to the height, no calculation is necessary; if the shadow is twice the pole, then divide the shadow of the tree by two; and so on, for any other length.

Balanced Fertilizers.

There is such a thing as balancing fertilizers as well as food ration. A fertilizer applied may appear to have no value, and even appear to diminish the crop, when the fault is in the absence of some other material which the soil needs. We have a striking illustration of this in an experiment made at the Ohio station. It showed that superphosphate and potash, used singly or in combination with each other, had no effect on corn, unless it were to diminish the yield, until combined with nitrate of soda. When nitrate of soda was used alone the value of the increase was less than the cost of the fertilizer. When nitrate was combined with either superphosphate or potash the value of the increase was practically equal to the cost of the fertilizer. But when the three materials were combined with each other there was a profit in the transaction, notwithstanding the fact that the cost of the fertilizers was nearly doubled. It therefore stands farmers in hand to carefully experiment with commercial fertilizers before going extensively into their application. It is also found that different results are obtained not only on different soils, but on the same soils in different seasons. What may be beneficial in one case may be a total loss in others. The foundation principles are what the farmer must ascertain before he can be said to really apply fertilizers intelligently.—Mirror and Farmer.

Oklahoma's Water Tree.

The people of Stillwater are greatly mystified over a remarkable natural phenomenon which exists near that town. In the field of Robert Copper, south of that place, stands a large cottonwood tree, with its branches leaning out over the bed of a little creek. A few weeks ago a party of picnickers stopped under the tree and were startled by finding that there was a continual shower of water falling from its leaves and branches. It is in the shape of a fine mist or drizzle, but can be plainly felt and seen at all times. Although it had not rained in that part of the territory for weeks, the fall of water from that tree has kept up continually, and crowds of people come from a distance every day to view the wonderful curiosity. Those scientifically inclined speculate, theorize and give it up, the superstitious ones shake their heads ominously, but the tree keeps right on sending down its shower, and whenever the sun is shining a beautiful rainbow can be seen under its branches. Who can explain the mystery?

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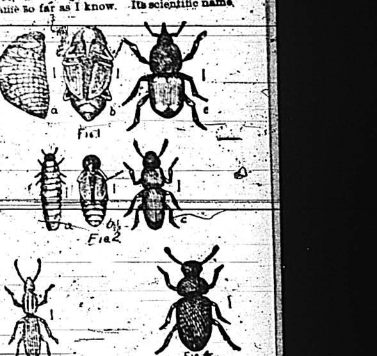
STORED GRAIN INSECTS.

Description and Remedies For the Destructive Trogosita Mauritanica.

Mrs. H. H. E., Hicksville, O., asks: I find our wheat of 1891 and also this year's, in the bins is destroyed by a small white worm. Can it be got rid of and wheat made fit to market?

"The worms sent are the larvæ of a beetle, says the Orange Judd Farmer, but not the grain weevil which is a much smaller species. This one is known in the old world as the Cadelle, but it has not been so common in this country as a wheat pest, as to have received any common name so far as I know. Its scientific name



STORED GRAIN INSECTS.

[In the illustration, Fig. 5 is a black weevil; a, larva; b, beetle. Fig. 6, Red Grain beetle; a, larva; b, pupa; c, beetle. Fig. 7, Silvanus surinamensis. Fig. 8, Tribolum ferrugineum. These insects can be treated according to the direction of Prof. Osborn.]

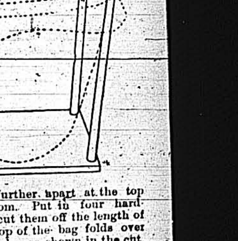
is Trogosita mauritanica and it is known to occur in stored grain as well as in flour, the world over. Curtis in speaking of it in Farm Insects says: "The larvæ are called Cadelle in the south of France, and are particularly destructive for the reason that they eat the outside of the grain, and, passing from one to another, injure as much or more than they consume. The greatest mischief is done at the end of winter when they are full grown, and are about 8 lines long and 1 line broad (a line is one-twelfth of an inch); the body is whitish, composed of twelve segments, distinct enough and rough, with scattered hairs; the head is hard, scaly, black and furnished with curved, sharp, horny jaws; the three thoracic segments of the body each bear a pair of short, scaly legs, and a pair of rather obscure spots; the anal segment is also terminated by two very horny hooks."

The adult insect of this species is a beetle, a little more than a fourth of an inch in length, rather flat, and of a pitchy brown or chestnut color. The beetles also occur in grain and are said to feed, like its larvæ, on stored grain. It has been stated of late that the larvæ are carnivorous and feed upon other insects that occur in the grain, but so far as I am aware, this point has not been proved, and as they are so often observed where no other insects are present it would seem doubtful whether they could have had insect food upon which to subsist, though of course it could be said that the other insects had been destroyed by them. Curtis states that the beetle is carnivorous and feeds upon Tinea, while Riley says that the adult feeds upon grain. In closed bins and granaries the most satisfactory remedy is the use of bisulphide of carbon.

This must be applied with the bins or rooms as tightly closed as possible, so as to retain the fumes. The bisulphide may be simply placed on the top of the wheat, for the fumes are heavier than air and will spread down through the mass and kill the insects. One or two pounds to a ton of grain is sufficient, depending on the size of bin and the tightness of cracks. The bisulphide comes in liquid form and may be secured at 10 cents per pound. In small quantities at local drug stores the price is higher. It is extremely inflammable, and no opportunity for the fumes to come in contact with fire should be allowed under any circumstance.

A Useful Device.

A bag holder is a very convenient article for any farmer and here is a cheap one. It is easily made and will pay any farmer to use who handles bags. Take a 1½ or 2-inch plank, 10 inches broad and 18 inches long. Bore four ¾ or 1-inch holes 1½ inches from the corners and at an angle so the stakes



will be 2 inches further apart at the top than at the bottom. Put in four hardwood stakes and cut them off the length of the bags. The top of the bag folds over the ends of the stakes as shown in the cut.

Why the Boy Didn't Sit Down.

A 7-year-old Detroit youngster, not famous for his angelic qualities, was paying a day's visit to a 9-year-old in a distant portion of the city where he had made a previous visit about six months before. The boy stood around nervously and refused to sit down, notwithstanding the most pressing invitation.

"Why don't you sit down?" persisted his host's mother.

The boy shook his head.

"You didn't act so when you were here before," said the lady, "why do you do so now?"

The boy hung his head and began to stammer:

"W-w-well," he hesitated, "mother's arm was broke before, but it's well now."

That's Why.

Mike—An' phfwhy do yez shmoke wid yer bit av a poipe upside down?

Pat—Bekase I want the shmoke to go down me t'roat an' not up me nose, d'ye moind!

The residence of the Rev. John Nelson, Methodist missionary at Wolf Creek, Alberta, has been destroyed by fire. The Rev. gentleman lost everything he possessed, including a valuable library.